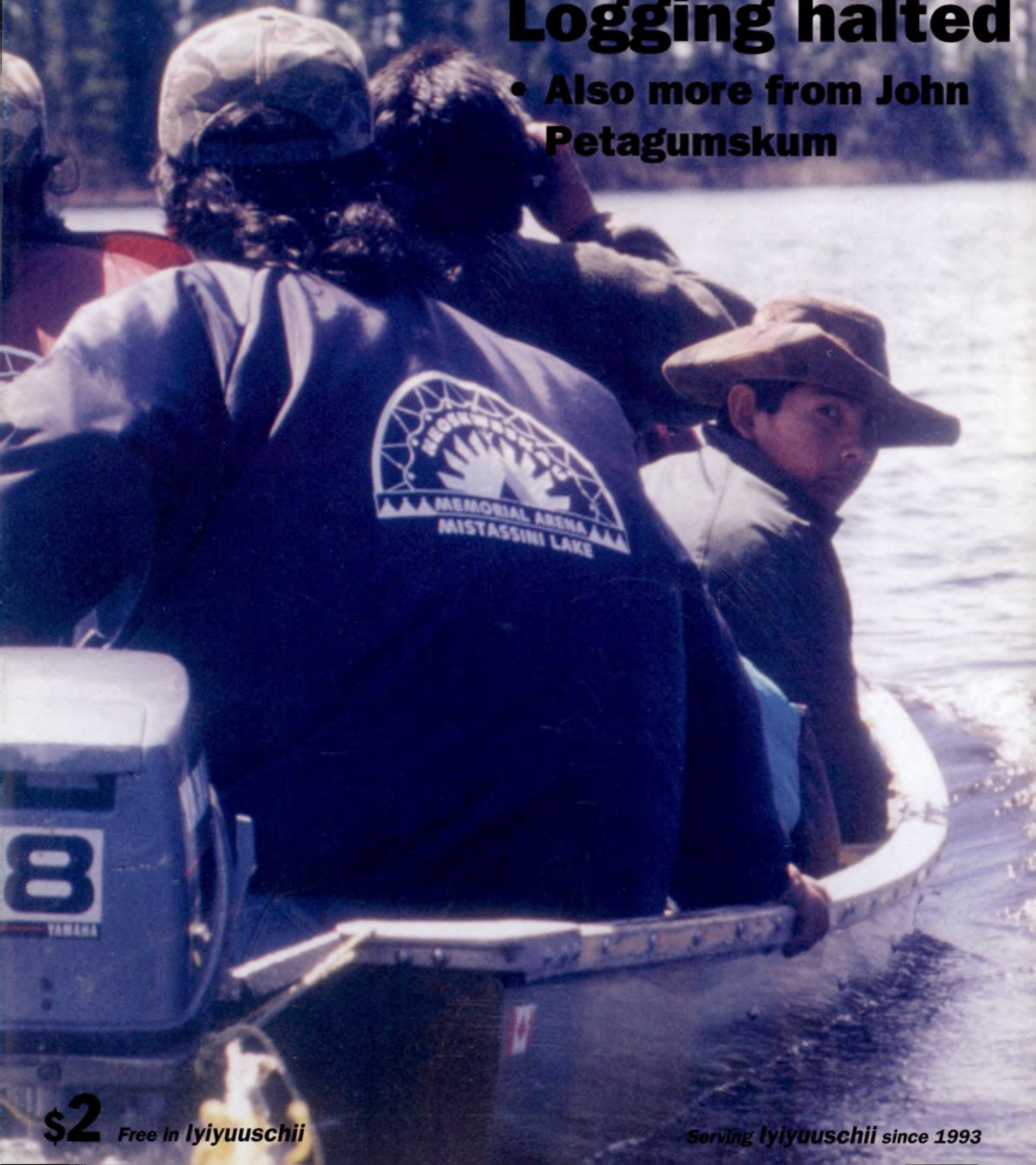


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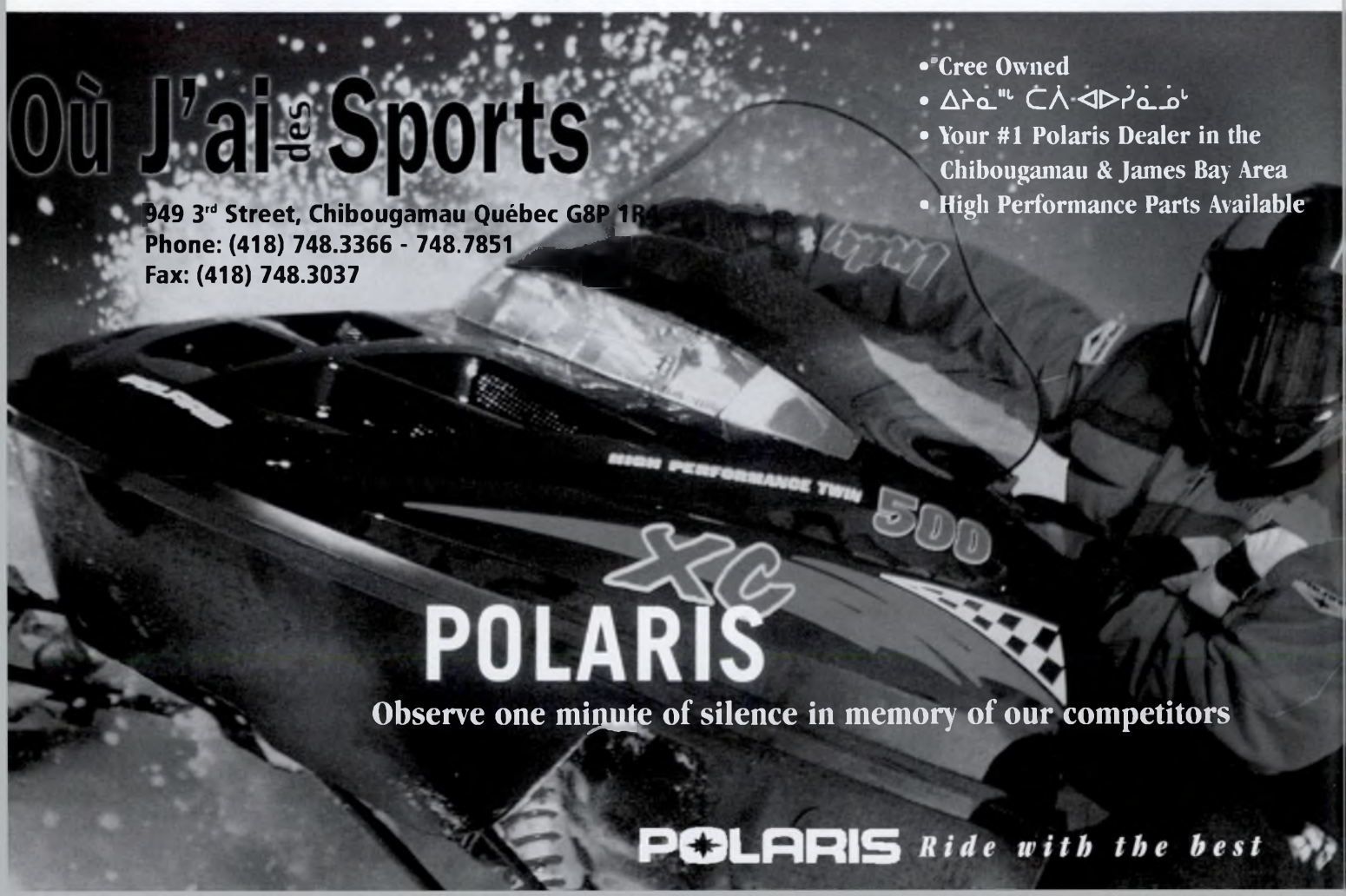
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I ask you all what are we going to pass down to our youth? Will we make them proud? We keep playing the white man's game, if you have an argument, "take it to the courts." That was fine and dandy when the courts dealt honestly with everyone, no matter what nationality they were. Not anymore.

Changing judges when one does not like the decision they make is akin to the Montreal Canadians leading after the first period and the hockey authorities decide, during the intermission, to change the rule, change the referees and in the process, possibly change the outcome of the game.

We win injunction in the courts to halt what we consider illegal works in our territories on a Friday and early the following Monday an appeal judge lifts the injunction allowing the company(ies) to resume works and orders everyone to go back to court. Just check the first James Bay Project.

So go figure, they are clear-cutting our lands with no respect for the environment and Cree Land use while they are talking in "their" courts. Who would stand for that? Will we, the Crees of Eeyou Istchee stand for what is happening to us at this time again? I hope not, I hope we still have some pride.

This is something that has been whispered amongst the Cree population, for years now, and that is "why are we using the white man's system, which they control anyway, to try and get results which we thought were promised to us in the first place by the JBNQA?"

Remember we are dealing with Governments and companies who understand only one thing, "Greed." Get as much for oneself as one can. We talk about rallies and protests, but I ask you now "what's to stop some young Cree or even older Crees from practicing their traditional activities in their traditional territories?"

Which Cree, who is so frustrated, will really care if a logging road or for that matter, a Hydro Quebec access road or mining road happens to cut right across the area where they happen to be cutting and piling their firewood (a traditional native activity)? Or some Cree's old jalopy happens to break down sideways on one of those long lonely stretches of road which trespass through Eeyou Istchee/ Enou Estchee and he's waiting for a mechanic from Europe to arrive? So what if it prevents or delays getting their wood (our wood?), their precious metals (our gold?) or their damn hydro-power (Cree power?) to the market.

You know where it hurts a greedy person the most? In their pocketbook.

So what if they claim a "right of way" to the road itself and on each side of the road and we are not allowed to cut our firewood, which they fear just might fall across the road blocking it. They took the JBNQA and only took what was beneficial to them and we can't do the same?

There have been and still is billion's and billion's of dollars of profits flowing out of Eeyou Estchee in the form of logging, mining and hydro-power since the JBNQA and we have no right to a fair share of these profits? Apparently not, even though the JBNQA was recognized as part of the Canadian Constitution in 1982.

The logging and mining companies and Hydro-Quebec give us contracts on our own lands. The contracts total only a very, very small fraction of the vast revenues generated from natural resources on our lands and they almost break their arms patting themselves on the back, telling everyone that "Quebec Natives" are the best treated Aborigines in the world. Give us a break!

I am a peace-loving man and believed in the judicial system but if the Governments and the companies can afford to change judges whenever they feel decisions by the courts are not going their way, I ask you "what is left for us", the so called "best treated" Natives in the world?

Sure we can go to the international forum to voice our fears and concerns again, but what do the Canadian and Quebec Governments tell them? "Mind your own business, we can look after our own Natives," and in the process we spend Cree money, which rightfully belong to our future generations. The bad publicity dies down for them rather quickly too.

Maybe it's time we tried doing things differently or threaten to. They only understand the "almighty dollar" anyway.

Even a few hours delay on the sales of "their goods". I am sure would translate into millions of dollars of their so-called profits. This is their "pocket book." Mind you I'm not advocating violence in any shape or form but is there very many options they leave us when they show the world they can control the courts also!

Is there not one honest judge or one brave enough to stand up to what he/she was taught and believes in and that is "rightful justice for all." But they have made a mockery of their own justice system. It doesn't leave us much choice, does it? When people are oppressed, you will see that oppression surfaces in so many different ways after a while.

I am just one frustrated Cree venting his anger out over this issue and others we have had to live with over the years, and I am sure there are other Cree men and women, who are just as angry and frustrated, perhaps more so because they don't have any means of support, no jobs, and no money to feed their hungry families.

To those people, I offer this encouragement and advise, let your voices be heard, the solutions will come from the grass roots of our Cree communities from people like you and me.

Norman Petawabano

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I was one of the billion or so people who were watching the Academy Awards several nights ago. I don't really care which film or actor wins an Oscar. But I do have my favorites and I try to see as many of the nominated films as I can. This year I saw maybe four of the movies nominated.

A word of warning before I begin. If you want to see any of these films do not read further. You will not enjoy them as much as you will if you keep reading. Forgive me but I am about to break a golden rule of the movies. And probably a rule of life in general.

If you're still with me then you probably don't care about movies or you've seen *The Sixth Sense*.

The *Sixth Sense* I'll see again for the clues I missed the first time. And for its startling ending. Don't make the mistake of thinking it's a horror film. It's not but it's still pretty scary. The movie is about a young boy who can see dead people and the psychiatrist who is hired to help the poor delusional child. But that's what the filmmakers would like us to think. Get this, the kid *can* actually see the dead and the psychiatrist, Bruce Willis, is also dead! Aargh! But we don't know this until the end of the movie when the psychiatrist finally realizes he is dead. Imagine that, months and months of thinking you're alive but you're actually dead.

One of my favorites was *The Matrix*. This film starring Keanu Reeves was up for awards for special effects and sound. And deservedly so I thought. I've seen it three times and I'm planning on seeing it more until I can recite the dialogue off the top of my head. The *Matrix*, like *The Sixth Sense*, has a character, Neo, who also believes he's alive and living in 1999. He is awakened by a group of rebels sometime in the year 2400, years after machines and

computers have taken over the world. The life he'd been leading was a lie perpetrated by a gigantic computer program. Every day he can remember was generated by the computer while he slept with millions of other minds. Their bodies used for generating power for the machines to function. The special effects and fight scenes are great too.

I'm also planning on seeing *American Beauty* again if only for that look on the Kevin Spacey's character's face when he first notices his daughter's best friend. Spacey's character has a huge crush on his sixteen year old daughter's best friend. If you saw him when he accepted his Oscar and said, "This is the highlight of my day" you'll remember that those were the first lines from the movie when you saw him masturbating in the shower. The film has a bitter sweet ending. The main character has quit his job, blackmailed his boss successfully, bought a sports cars and learned to enjoy life. And he gets shot in the end but there's a smile on his face as he dies. Excellent movie. I wish I had made it.

I think I'll pass on *The Cider House Rules* and only watch it on an overseas flight should they play it. That is, if I happen to be on an overseas flight. The film is based on the book by John Irving. I never read the book but I'm sure it's better than the movie. Michael Caine and Toby Maguire star. It takes place in an orphanage run by Caine as the doctor. He teaches one of the orphans to be a doctor and... that's when I got bored and my mind drifted just like the Toby Maguire character when he leaves the orphanage to pick apples and see the ocean. Maybe I'll read the book.

Maybe I'll like it, maybe I'll really, really like it.

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Churches balk at paying up

The Canadian government and church leaders are still squabbling over who should pay compensation to the Native survivors of residential schools.

The Feds want the churches that ran the schools to take responsibility and pay some of the money, expected to be in the billions.

But the Anglicans and some of the other churches are complaining the compensation payments might drive them into bankruptcy.

A Vancouver lawyer who represents Native people who started Canada's first residential-school lawsuit says the churches' complaints are ridiculous.

"Quite frankly, I don't believe it," said David Paterson.

"I don't believe for a minute that it's going to drive any of them into bankruptcy. The real question is, do they take the issue seriously?"

"If there was a fire that burned down the biggest cathedral in the country, they would raise the money in no time. There are 4.5 million members in the United Church. They can raise a dollar each," he said.

Paterson said the real problem is wealthy urban congregations don't want to help the national church bodies shoulder the costs.

But courts have already ruled that the churches share the blame for the abuse, and must split compensation payments with the government.

Paterson was involved in one of the cases, which related to the Port Alberni residential school in B.C. A judge ruled the United Church and Ottawa were equally responsible for abuse at the school.

Since the first residential schools were created in 1620, an estimated 100,000 Native kids passed through the system. It's not known how many are alive today.

The government ended its partnership with the churches in 1969, but the churches kept running some schools until 1986.

A recent report sponsored by the federal Justice Ministry said most schools were badly funded, and many children ate rotten food and became cheap labour for nearby farms. Disease was also rampant and kids



RULING BOOSTS BRANTFORD CLASS ACTION

A little-noticed British Columbia court decision could boost the chances of Crees who are involved in a class-action lawsuit against a residential school in Brantford, Ontario.

The ruling will also probably open the floodgates for other class actions by Native people across the country.

The B.C. Court of Appeal recently decided to authorize a class action in the case of a school for deaf children in that province. Although it wasn't a school for Natives, the deaf kids suffered similar sexual and physical abuse as in the residential schools.

The ruling could be an important precedent for a class-action lawsuit that has been requested by about 1,000 former students of the Mohawk Institute Residential School, in Brantford.

The former students, who include some Crees from Quebec and Ontario, are seeking \$2.3 billion in compensation for abuse.

"Potentially, it's very helpful. They'd look at something like that (ruling)," said Russell Raikes, a London, Ontario lawyer who represents the Mohawk Institute students.

The court is expected to decide some time this year whether the class action can proceed. The final amount of compensation requested will also change as more former students come forward.

The B.C. ruling has already inspired three new class actions that have been requested in the province. If the court authorizes them to go ahead - and that's still a big if - they would cover all 16 residential schools that op-

erated in the province.

One lawsuit is targeted at each of the churches involved - United, Catholic and Anglican.

It's unexplored legal territory because, normally, class actions are authorized in cases where all the claimants were affected by pretty much the same thing, like a toaster that blew up.

In residential schools, there may have been different types of abuse over different periods of time, and different abusers.

The advantage of class actions is they are much cheaper and faster than individual court action for each abused student.

"The cost goes down significantly per student with a class-action lawsuit because you don't have to prove the same thing for each plaintiff," said Raikes.

"For example, the loss of culture and language - once you show there was an attempt to eradicate the culture and language, you don't have to prove that (for every person)."

Raikes is also working on two other potential class actions. One involves Crees and others who attended three Anglican-run schools in northern Ontario, including Shingwauk Residential School in Sault Ste. Marie and another school in a Cree community.

The other case concerns the United Church's Mount Elgin Residential School in southwestern Ontario.

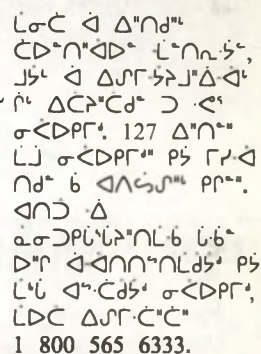
Raikes is still investigating whether these two cases will be filed as class

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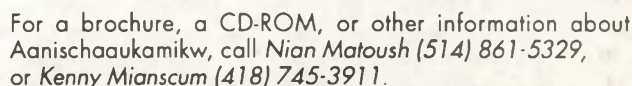
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LOGGING GRINDS TO HALT ACROSS QUEBEC

Bungling by Quebec and forestry companies has done what years of Cree complaints have yet to accomplish. It has brought logging to a halt - not just in Iiyuuuschii, but all across Quebec.

As of April 1, logging in Quebec was illegal because all forest-exploitation permits in the province ceased to be valid.

Meanwhile, Cree officials, trappers and Elders toured the northern-most Cree communities to talk about forestry and what Crees should do next in their campaign on the issue.

As previously reported in *The Nation*, forestry companies are up to two years late filing their logging plans, which are needed before Quebec will issue a permit to cut trees in public forests.

The government has quietly allowed the companies to keep on logging without the plans, a situation Cree officials have said is probably illegal.

Quebec has given the companies several unofficial extensions, but those were set to expire on April 1.

Finally, with about a week left before the deadline, Quebec introduced emergency legislation in the National Assembly to let the companies keep cutting after April 1. In fact, this new extension lets loggers keep cutting for two more years.

But the emergency legislation quickly got stalled because the government first has to pass its annual budget. The legislation will probably not be passed until sometime in the first week of April.

Until it is, thousands of loggers in Quebec will have to

stop working.

One lawyer for the Crees wondered how the logging stoppage will be monitored, if at all. "I think it's a pure comedy. Who will be able to control that?" she said.

Natural Resources Minister Jacques Brassard admitted to reporters the government is partly responsible for the mess. His officials have not completed a 10-year inventory of the province's forests that the companies need to finish their forest-management plans.

Grand Chief Ted Moses called Quebec's handling of the situation a "short-term, Band-Aid, bubblegum solution."

"They have no idea of the long-term perspectives," he said in one article.

During all this, Moses and a group of trappers and Elders from the southern-most Cree communities went on a tour of Iiyuuuschii to talk about forestry and what comes next.

Decisions are needed on whether to continue with the Mario Lord forestry court case, and what to do now that Cree chiefs have decided to withdraw from the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. For example, what happens to the Income Security Program?

So far, the chiefs are getting an enthusiastic reception from Crees at meetings held on forestry. "It's definitely going to be a hot summer. That's the forecast - mild for Montreal, wild for up north," laughed one trapper. "I've already burned the agreement 1,000 times in my heart."

by Alex Roslin

Innu close to treaty, but some call it a "joke"

Several Innu communities in Nitassinan are getting ready to sign a landmark treaty with Quebec and Canada, but the treaty isn't supported by all the Innu people.

In the controversial treaty, the Innu would get \$340 million for community development and compensation for past hydro-projects, plus \$6 million in yearly royalties from forestry in their territory (3 percent of the government's \$200-million total take).

In exchange, the Innu would give up their exemption from taxes and claims to their entire ancestral territory. They would get full title, mineral and logging rights to a territory 525 square kilometres in size - a tiny fraction of their entire land claim.

The territory would double the 260 square kilometres currently controlled by the Innu.

The agreement has been approved by the chiefs of three of Quebec's nine Innu communities, Mashteuiatsh, Essipit and Betsiamites.

Some Innu don't like it one bit. "We think this agreement is a joke. It tries to stamp out Aboriginal rights by forcing us to choose which ones to keep, and I can tell you no one is going to be willing to give those away for three cents on the dollar," said Armand McKenzie, an Innu lawyer, in a Montreal Gazette story.

"The economic and political conditions in this agreement are insufficient and unacceptable. They will do nothing to improve social conditions for the Innu."

McKenzie dismissed a Quebec official's claim that the Innu are getting a better deal than the Nisga'a First Nation of B.C., who just signed a historic treaty: "This is a lot less than Nisga'a, no matter what the government thinks. The Nisga'a got 10 percent of what they were seeking in terms of territory; this deal would give us 1 percent."

Bill 99 sets stage for Quebec to use force?

The Quebec government's Bill 99 sets the stage for the use of force against the Crees and other First Nations following a vote for sovereignty, Grand Chief Ted Moses told a National Assembly committee last month.

Quebec also has no business including

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actions.

Class actions aren't, however, always the best way to go for residential school survivors.

One disadvantage is that all former students may be automatically included in a class action, depending on how the case is framed.

They have the right to opt out, but if they don't for some reason, they can be forced to testify.

"It forces everyone to the starting line. The concern is people may not be ready," said David Paterson, a Vancouver lawyer involved in two residential-school lawsuits in B.C.

"If you don't give evidence, you won't get any damages and you can't file another case later."

Paterson filed the landmark Port Alberni residential school lawsuit in 1995, the first-ever in the country.

That lawsuit set a big precedent in 1998 when the court ruled for the first time that the United Church and the federal government were liable for abuse at a residential school.

The court is now determining the amount of compensation.

The Port Alberni case involves only 30 people and is not a class action. For bigger cases, a class action is the best route, Paterson said.

The federal government, perhaps not surprisingly, doesn't agree.

"I don't think this is the best way to handle these claims," said James Ward, a lawyer in the federal Justice Department's office in Vancouver.

"I really think the government is taking a fair look at these cases. If a claim looks to be valid, we settle it," he said.

Ward said class-action lawsuits will complicate the federal government's program of delivering counselling to residential-school plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs have a right to the counselling as part of the basic health-care rights of First Nations. They often need counselling because of how traumatic it is to get up in court and talk about the abuse they went through. Some former students have even committed suicide during the court proceedings.

Ward said a class action will make it hard to reach everyone who needs counselling: "How do we provide the same sort of support to these people?"



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First Nations in Bill 99's "fictitious Quebec people."

"Bill 99 subsumes and assimilates all peoples in Quebec - including Aboriginal peoples - into a single 'Quebec people.' This violates our right to self-identification. It is also a fraudulent deception," Moses said.

The bill is Quebec's legislative response to Ottawa's Clarity Act, which sets out rules on the secession of a province.

Testifying before a committee examining Bill 99, Moses agreed that Quebecers have a right to self-determination and to separate from Canada, but so do the Crees.

It's up to them to decide whether their 400,000-square-kilometre territory should remain part of Canada, he said.

Moses called Bill 99 unconstitutional, and said it "runs roughshod over our human right to self-determination" and other Aboriginal and treaty rights. It is also illegal because it exceeds the legislative jurisdiction of the National Assembly, he said.

Rather than a strong argument against the Clarity Act, "Bill 99 serves as the most concrete example to date as to why clear and principled rules are urgently needed for any future secession initiative," he said.

Moses also noted that Quebec has already retaliated against the Crees for standing up for their rights, by withholding millions of dollars in promised funding for community projects.

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were punished for speaking their languages.

Archdeacon Jim Boyles of the Anglican Church of Canada has pointed to the report as proof that the government should bear "more responsibility" than the churches.

-A.R.

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-Rhonda Sherwood

Cannibal Encounter

Told by John Petagumskum Sr.
Interviewed by Thomas Shem

This happened here in Whapmagoostui a long time ago. My grandfather's mother told the story. The people were camped across the river where the river spills out into the bay. This was during the whale hunt. Many whales were taken. An elder of the camp announced to his people that he sensed a giant cannibal was coming to them. Everyone began to talk. There was one young man at the camp who never really cared for what was said. He said, "Whenever there's a gathering, there's always an elder who'll say something to scare everyone. But I never sense anything to scare me whenever I'm out on the land." I suppose the elder heard what the youth said. The elder replied, "Whoever wants to listen to what I say will listen. But of course, it might just be my foolish thoughts. Those of you who don't believe this, just forget about what I said." Everyone began to fear the arrival of the cannibal getting nearer. The elder watched as the cannibal came.

Outside, there were many places where the women had built fires making whale oil. The blubber crisps sat in mounds next to where the fires were. Sitting in many piles, they looked like beaver lodges. There was no purpose for them after the oil had been rendered and the crisps were going to be thrown away. Only the whale oil was saved.

One evening, the elder who had sensed the arrival of the cannibal went outside. Where the people camped were tall stands of white spruce. The elder had only stepped out shortly and soon came back in the teepee. He sat near the hearth with his back to the fire. He began to speak to everyone inside as soon as he sat down. "Everyone, be quiet. I will talk to you all. I had just gone out. Here where the tall stands of white spruce trees are, I seem to see a creature standing there - even taller than the trees with its head over the tops of the trees. Who ever didn't want to listen to what I said before, look in that direction." No one spoke back at him but the young man who had talked back at him early said, "People always seem to exaggerate their stories."

As it got dark, the fires were prepared around the encampment of teepees. They took the blubber crisps to where the fires were prepared and lit the fires. They kept the fires going all night. When the fires were lit, everyone knew the cannibal was further away because the dogs barking went further also. No one slept. The fires kept going all night. The cannibal couldn't approach the camp because of the smell of the burning blubber crisps.

The cannibal tried to attack the people for a long time but couldn't. During the day, the dogs barked far off. When evening came, the dogs' barking came nearer to the camp. Everyone listened to the barking dogs because the dogs were barking at the cannibal who had reached the camp and that was how everyone knew how far the cannibal was. When it got dark, the fires were lit again - fed with the blubber crisps. When the blubber crisps had all burnt out, the rendered oil that was to be kept, was used for the purpose of making a smoldering smell coming from the camp to keep the cannibal away.

My grandfather's father had only one child at the time - a daughter who was my grandfather's older sister. My grandfather still wasn't



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born at this time yet. Her mother only held her, trying to comfort her crying. My grandfather's father decided to go out and confront the cannibal and drive it away from the camp. There were many people in the teepee. As the man got to the entrance to go outside, everyone knew his motive. The women jumped towards him and held him back because they didn't want him to risk his life. He couldn't break free. His mother said, "Son, don't go outside. No one wants you to go out." So, he didn't.

Another elder was able to drive away the evil being with his powers. The people were unharmed but all the dogs had been killed off because of the cannibal. My grandfather's father told of the reason why he wanted to confront the cannibal. He had said that he really felt sorry for his daughter crying in her mother's arms. "That made me very sad because there was something out there making her so unhappy. That was why I tried to go out to confront the cannibal. I wouldn't have tried if I knew that I wouldn't be able to succeed to drive away the evil cannibal." This is the story my grandfather told of his father. The cannibal couldn't catch any of the people. But everyone believed that it had devoured all the dogs of the camp.

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Somewhere in Cree Territory

By MJ Milloy

February, 2005.

It was just before dawn when Rupert Lameboy yanked the start on his snowmobile, and the sound of the awakening engine, half sick goose, half nasty chainsaw ripped through the Northern bush.

As the machine warmed up, he stowed his backpack under the seat, and after double-checking everything, rode the snowmobile out of his winter hunting camp.

The morning was cold but clear and a new layer of snow lay on the stunted pine and along the narrow trail. He drove slowly through the forest, only speeding up when he crossed the rough ice of a frozen lake.

After half an hour he was almost there, and coasted to a stop on top of a low ridge. Looking out he could see his final destination: a line of hydro towers, striding silently from one horizon to the other, taking the energy from massive dams on Northern rivers and delivering it to traffic lights and toasters, computers and radiators in the south.

When they built the towers, the contractors had clear-cut a 200-foot wide path for the line, but not done anything else. He parked his snowmobile on the edge of the trees, and walked to the tower. When he got to the base of the tower, he dropped his backpack, took out his CB and radioed: "Fifteen, here."

Right now, 20-odd people, mostly Crees but some Mohawks and even a couple of white kids, were doing the same thing at places along the five hydro lines that fed the south. Like Lameboy, they were reaching into backpacks and pulling out three things: a roll of duct tape, a large spool of blasting line and four sticks of dynamite.

Growing up, Lameboy expected his most dangerous tool would be a laptop, not four sticks of high explosives he had managed to steal from an unmanned Hydro-Québec worksite.

Back then, his path had seemed clear. Dad was a cop in his local community, and Lameboy had gone to university down south, first in the family, and picked up a law degree. Then, five years ago, he came back north and settled into a good job with the local government, trying to win more control and more power for his nation through interminable meetings with southern bureaucrats in bad suits.

It was a boring, predictable job, but someone had to do it, he figured. Go to our universities, learn our politics, go to our courts, that was the deal Canada had made with his nation and others. Do all that, and slowly, slowly, you'll get self-government, you'll get something better. It was a deal two generations of aboriginal leaders, like him, had bet their lives on, going to university and law school, writing endless action reports, faithfully attending training workshops, pressing on with lawsuits and land claims.

It was all bullshit, he'd eventually decided. And so had most everyone else his age.

The first straw broke in March of 2000. The Crees, fed up with the province walking all over their deal with them, had taken Quebec to court to stop the lucrative forestry industry. Enraged, the province

first tried blackmail, suspending funding for schools and roads, and then, when the first judge ruled for the Crees, they convinced the courts to change the judge. Some justice.

There were other things. One night, watching Lloyd Robertson, Lameboy realized he'd never get anywhere haggling with the pasty representatives of a society that was fully aware of yet completely ambivalent to his peoples' problems, suicide rates 20 times anywhere else, poverty that would shame an African country, health problems that were unheard of down south. Everyone knew about it, few cared. It had stopped even making the news.

While southerners debated clarity acts and constitutional clauses, Lameboy could watch the forestry and energy companies eat his land, justified with laws and treaties and deals no one believed anymore.



Lameboy quit his job the day he found out about a chief who had created a phony company, staffed with all his relatives, while half the community was still waiting for decent housing. By then he'd seen everything in aboriginal politics: corruption and deceit that would make an old union boss blush. Some aboriginal chiefs were bringing booze into dry communities during elections. Gang rapes were hushed up when the right people were involved. Cushy government jobs went to the ones from the right family, the ones who knew the value of getting along.

Somewhere along the line, a political fight had become a crooked industry, rotten to the core.

"We have always been a peaceful people," an old chief had told southerners after the '95 referendum, after being asked about the threat of violence. "And we will always be peaceful. But we all have hunting rifles. And we all know how to use them."

It took about ten minutes for Lameboy to set the dynamite sticks against the tower's cold steel and hold them with duct tape, two sticks on two of the supports.

He reached down for the radio: "Fifteen. I'm ready."

Lameboy walked away from the tower, unspooling the blast cord behind him. When he reached his snowmobile, he sat down and waited. Soon, a scratchy countdown came over the radio. When it reached zero, he squeezed the trigger, and, a split second later, heard the dull crack of the blast, and the echoes from across the forest. Slowly, like a drunk losing his feet, the tower toppled away, the power lines stretching then breaking then arcing through the sky.

"There," he said, as the lights started winking out in Montreal and Quebec City, in Ste-Hyacinthe and Albany, in Burlington and the Bronx. "Let the bastards freeze in the dark."

Ed. Note: Sometimes we think in Quebec that no one is listening to the Crees. Then you find out some people are and they sympathize with what is happening. This story appeared in an edition of Hour, a Montreal tabloid. It is given away for free. When we read it we contacted Editor in Chief M.J. Milloy who gave us permission to run the piece. Remember it is fiction....

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The Road to Ignorance?



Dear Sirs/Madams:

I saw "The Road to El Dorado" yesterday with my nephews and niece, at a sneak preview in the Chicago area. I left the theater feeling sick and angry about the horrible racist and sexist stereotypes depicted in this cartoon. I had to talk with my children for an hour so they could understand that what they had seen did not reflect any past nor current reality. Also, I was amazed to learn that Edward Olmos has lent his voice to this awful project!!

As a Mexican-American woman, I felt that the portrayal of the Indian characters in the movie was universally degrading to my gender and ethnicity; from the vacantly-expressed childlike townspeople, to the scantily-clad loose-moraled heroine, to the bloodthirsty conniving priest, all portrayed the worst stereotypes that continue to hurt Indigenous and mestizo people today. While the Spanish heroes displayed full ranges of intellect, expression and physical ability, the Indians were all monofaceted, ignorant, sheeplike, and helpless. The religion of the Indians was shown as evil, fantastic, manipulative, and disconnected from the people, and by the end of the cartoon had apparently been thrown down by the noble Europeans.

Especially hurtful to me was the behavior and treatment of the "heroine" Chel; the Spaniards even comment leeringly about her skimpy and revealing outfit, and she loses no time in offering herself to the White Man in exchange for a share of the gold. It is unbelievable to me that a Spielberg movie would perpetuate this horrible image of the Indigenous woman as a whore, especially in a children's movie!! I have extensive knowledge of the Indigenous cultures of Mesoamerica, and the dress of adult women in these living cultures is in fact demure, beautifully decorated, and often displays symbols of rank or marital status.

Furthermore, this movie perpetuates the myth that Europeans "discovered" America and took possession of a vacant pair of continents. For example, when Miguel and Tulio arrive at the shores of the "New World" they don't encounter any other humans until they find El Dorado. When they rescue the bumbling Indians from the evil priest and Cortez, they seemingly cut off El Dorado from the rest of the world forever. I realize that this is a children's movie, and that realistic depictions of the Spaniards' murder, rape, diseases, and forced religious conversions of Indians would have been inappropriate for kids to see; however, this movie doesn't even suggest that there were any people of any importance in the "New World" until the Europeans arrived.

I could go on and on, but I will end by stating that I will encourage all my friends, relatives, and local media to boycott this horrible, damaging film. Certainly I will be contacting Dreamworks to voice my opinion, and any other corporate co-merchandisers will hear from me as well. Please join me in demanding that this racist film be withdrawn from release immediately.

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February 1, 2000

Dear Nation,

In your January 28 issue, Volume 7, No. 5, page 3, Will's Editorial on prevention could be part of these issues that concern me. The issues are Prejudice, Racism, Discrimination, and other related issues within the Cree Nation. We have not yet confronted these issues in a Public Forum, and/or Conference, but the truth is in front of us everyday, where we as Cree People have witnessed, and/or experienced these realities. I do not accuse anybody or everybody with these attitudes or practices, but they become visible at times, if you live in the Cree Communities. It might not be always conscious or visible to us, but it still hurts those who are directly or indirectly affected. It is common knowledge that it exists in the Cree Communities, and will continue to exist if we allow it. All people have some kind of prejudice towards some people or things, but we have to realize too that some of the things we say or do can hurt people, even though we do not intend to sometimes. This is shameful of course, because as Cree People, we are victims also. People will sometimes acknowledge Prejudice and Racism in the community, and will say things against it, but at the same time, they will do it themselves. It is very hard to admit the truth about one's self, because the truth does hurt, and I think that is where the problem becomes unreal to people. Because to admit one's prejudices, hurts them inside, because they have to admit to them.

The following are some Realities, I think, though I am not a professional Psychologist and/or Sociologist:

1. Racism towards Non-Natives or Mixed Inter-Marriage families, by some of our local residents of our communities, and/or some of the students towards their teachers. This can be direct, or indirect, meaning talking and saying things behind their backs, or directly into their faces. Sometimes it is done in the language that they understand, but in the majority of cases, it is in the Cree language, where the target does not understand. Of course not everyone does this, but I know that it exists, even if people won't admit it.

2. Discrimination and/or Prejudice towards outsiders by the locals, i.e. telling people that they are not from their community either directly or indirectly. This usually does not happen very often, but the mentality is there. It becomes more common at house parties, where people sometimes compete through bragging, and sometimes violence erupts. Of course, not all people are like this, that is unrealistic. But even within extended families, it sometimes comes out, sometimes as a joke, but in reality, it can be real.

3. Discrimination and/or Prejudice/Bias in the workforce. Where people do not get hired because of who they are or where they come from, and sometimes because of family relations. This I know exists in the Cree Communities, maybe only in some, but most likely most. We hide behind any excuse that can perceive legitimacy with our biased decisions on hiring practices. The logic of hiring outsiders is not always acceptable to most people, because of the High Unemployment rate in the Cree communities. But it does not mean that we should break the Law of the Land, because of it. In some



"This is a very real problem because it affects everybody in a community, but we have to face our demons sometimes..."

situations, you have to come from or marry into a certain family group to be acceptable for employment, or you just don't get hired. Or you might get mediocre odd jobs where you cannot cause any problems, or just to satisfy public perception. Nepotism is out of control, because of family loyalties.

The system, either local and/or regional, is usually controlled by certain families where others could be considered enemies of the system, or people who could Rock the Boat or tip the Gravy Train. So it becomes in the interest of some of those in power that they hire those that they can control, and not those that can expose them in their non-professional, and/or corrupt practices. Some of the best people who do the best work, and practice good work ethics sometimes do not last long at jobs in some communities. Denial of this is wrong, because it does exist, even if people deny it and/or try to cover it up. But not all is bad, because we do have some good people and leaders who work hard to make our communities better.

Jealousy among some worker and/or citizens in the community. This is a very real problem in some or all of our communities, and it is holding us back. Most people will not admit to being jealous of other people. But in real life, jealousy is very common in our communities, because we are a very competitive people. Let us face it, we practice it every day. It is very hard to admit to this, because it is after all, a sensitive subject to most people. It is probably rampant in most of our communities, most likely all. Real progress towards positive growth is handicapped by this real life situation. This is a very real problem because it affects everybody in a community, but we have to face our demons sometimes, and that is why the real truth can hurt so much.

5. The hidden victims of inequality, and/or discrimination, i.e., victims of crime that go unreported. In some cases, the police service will not, or just won't, or can't report some crimes because of who commits them. Family loyalties are stronger in some instances than the law, or towards the extreme, even the threat of job loss if reported, so the carpet becomes one's best friend. Of course again, this is not always the case or practice, or if it even exists in our communities. But most likely it does to a degree, and will continue if we do not work together for change. Sometimes the Police have their hands tied because of who they are, being born Cree. Because their Values are those of the Cree People, and not of those of a Foreign System of Justice. Cover-ups are probably not common or more common than we know, but I guess, and most probably they happen. But not all is towards the negative, because we do have some of the best and experienced Constables in our Communities, who have served us for many year, and we would probably have more if we had our own Training Facility. Note, about the police service. Most probably the majority of Cree Constables are insufficiently trained or in the case of a community that I was informed about, some recruits have not received any kind of formal training. They just had to get hired because they are the siblings of those in power. This is real life.

I could probably keep on going about all the above, and other related issues, but the picture is clear that not all is perfect in the Cree World. And to deny all the above is wrong, because some of it, or most of it, or all of it is true. I could probably write a book.

Although you can say that there are classes of people in the Cree Communities, meaning Middle Class, Upper Working Class etc..., just like in the Non-Cree communities, it is not always relative to the Ideas, and Ideologies of the Cree World.

We have evolved with contact, and have survived relatively secure in our Greeness, but we have lost much of our Value System and Respect, where everybody is considered equal, even at the leadership levels. But we are so corrupted by outside influences, we fail to recognize the damage that we sometimes inflict on our fellow citizens, families, and/or our own families, because of our corrupted Systems of Governing ourselves. Because we are so controlled by the thought of personal gain, we fail to see our damaging practices to the individual, family member(s), and the Community and Nation as a whole.

This damage that we inflict on ourselves today, if not corrected very soon, will possibly bring more corruption, instability, anarchy and possibly violence in our communities tomorrow. Of course not all is towards the negative, because we do have some good people and leaders working hard to improve our communities, and young people attending colleges and universities.

We have to remember that damage is being done to some of our people today because of our naive perception that everything is okay in our Society. But in reality, there is internal conflict, because of how we manage our affairs, and we are so far gone that we lose touch with who we really are, and with that could come more social problems, and to the extreme, possibly Suicide(s). So conflict and Social unrest could result, if there is no positive change. Today, some young people believe that they do not have to go to school, because they see their fathers, and/or mothers or relatives as part of the Working Upper Class at the top of the Band and/or Entity Administrations, and/or Councils. So some jobs could come easily to them, without them having to work hard to get those jobs, that is nepotism at work. In reality, most of these jobs are unskilled labor, and without a future. So it is not a big favor that is being done to our young. It is a tragedy, because many of our young people have talents that we can only dream about, and developing some of those talents, I am sorry to say, requires an education. But the real world truth is, that they are being taught to be corrupt at a very young age, and

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**Thanks! to All of Those Parliamentarians Who Amended the
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Peoples as Political Actors in the Determination of any Future
Quebec Referendum Process**

On March 14th Parliament amended Bill C-20, the "Clarity Bill" to include us, aboriginal peoples as political actors in the process. The amending clauses were submitted by the New Democratic Party Member Bill Blaikie and strongly supported by Mr. Irwin Cutler. NDP, Liberal and Conservative members of the House voted in favour.

Aboriginal peoples, especially those in the province threatening to separate will now be included in any future referendum process. We congratulate all those members who voted in favour of the amendment!



Two amendments were approved in the voting procedure. The two amendments relate to:

- i) the clarity of a referendum question; and
- ii) whether there has been a clear expression of a will to cease to be part of Canada by a clear majority of the population of the province wishing to separate.

It is also significant to note that the Bloc Québécois and the Reform Party did not support them. This demonstrates the undemocratic and inequitable positions being taken by these two political parties in relation to Aboriginal Peoples.

In the event of a decision by Québécois to separate from Canada, we will take our rightful, constitutionally guaranteed place at any table of negotiation to defend our rights to Eeyou Istchee!

Grand Chief Ted Moses



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will probably continue in the steps of those they follow. Unless, they get the taught the right way, which is to earn what they deserve in a fair way, with hard work, an education and/or experience, not through nepotism.

Another disturbing trend is that we are losing some of our talented youth to the south, the Cree Brain Drain. Because they are fed up, or getting fed up with the systems in place, and some will probably never return to live in our communities. As if that is not enough, because another worrisome prospect is the high drop out rate of our youth. Again it is maybe the system and/or the parents at fault, or both, because they see how some of us live and work, and see themselves as the same. Because most of the present workforce is unskilled or properly trained, so they maybe see themselves as the same. Or they could see themselves still working without an education, because maybe mommy and daddy still work without high school, and/or they might have a business, and/or have the power to hire them first before those who might be more qualified. Or maybe some just give up on hope for the future. This has to change, but we also have to realize that not all our Youth and People will go on to finish College or University. So some of our people will need training and skills to be able to survive into the future, and also real jobs, where they can be proud of who they are, and where they come from.

Any kind of Racism and/or Prejudice an/or Discrimination towards anybody that you do not like because of who they are, or where they come from, is not right. It is a fact of life for most of us, because we are born into an imperfect world, and we know that as Cree People, we have experienced or will experience at one time or another, first hand, how cruel the world can be. But we also have to realize that what we experienced in the past will always be there, and the wounds that were inflicted on us as a Peoples, and Individually will eventually heal with time, if we work together and forgive those that inflicted those wounds.

It is not always easy, but we cannot always blame other people for some of our problems and/or mistakes, because it is not always the fault of others, but ours. We are all human beings, and we all make mistakes. The future is there for us to build, and we need each other to build that future for our children and their children after. But we also have to work hard at protecting our hard won Rights, along with with our Culture and Heritage collectively. We also need to change some of our ways for the better, because if we don't, the internal conflicts will continue, and our energy will be used up in those conflicts. We have survived through many changes, and we will continue to survive the changes of the future. We just have to try to make sure that they are positive changes for all of us, but we must also learn to live together in harmony, with each other, and with those that choose to live amongst us.

Wachiya, Anonymous.

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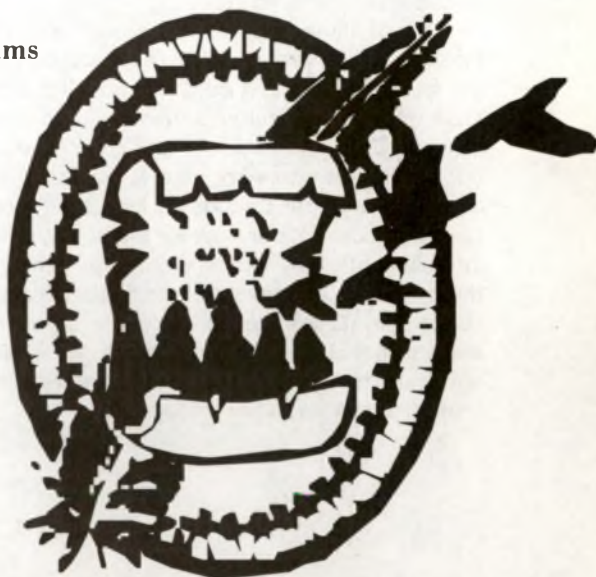
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Snow Cruising

By Xavier Kataquapit

A week ago, while on my walk in the wilderness nearby, I was surprised there were no fresh tracks from snowmobiles. To people up the coast the early spring is the best time of the year for snowmobile riding.

The days are a little longer in March and early April, and the sun is back from winter hibernation. The snow is melting, but in the forest there is still plenty for snowmobiling. Generally, on most days, the snow is hard, so travel is fast and exciting.

I recall the warm spring days on a snowmobile back in Attawapiskat only a few years ago. It was a tradition for all of us to leave the community as best we could on our machines over a road where patches of gravel had come up to make riding slow and uncomfortable. The pay-off for all of us was about half an hour away through the slushy river ice to the great James Bay. Once on the bay, where the ice was hard, the going was easy and fast. There is something very special about riding a good-running snowmobile as fast as you possibly can, over the hard ice, under a blue sky and with just a fine line on the horizon.

On the ice, out on the bay, it takes concentration and focus to race along with a fully-loaded sleigh in tow. A different set of tools is involved when leaving the bay and heading back onto land or along a river. We Crees from up the coast have acquired a great expertise in moving snowmobiles through the most difficult and dangerous situations. In the spring thaw, huge gaps of water appear near the shoreline due to the steady movement of the ice from the comings and goings of the tide. As insurance, we put on our hip waders when reaching areas of water that have to be crossed to get to land. It takes some knowhow and a lot of guts to run a sled at high speed, pulling a sleigh across a channel of water from the ice in the bay to the ice closer to shore.

Often I have ridden in slushy conditions along rivers and inland as myself and my family and friends piloted our snowmobiles to the hunting camp. It takes a lot of knowhow to run a snowmobile in slush and not get stuck. I have always counted on my dad or my brother



Anthony to lead us along the trails on the land. These trails are ancient and to know the right spots and the right way you have to be willing to spend a lot of time learning the ropes from an Elder. The best way to get through the slush is to ride fast and with confidence. Once you get stuck in the slush the day takes a turn for the worse. It requires a lot of energy, strength and time to move a stuck machine out of the icy slush. Often the rider who is trapped in the slush gets very wet. This is dangerous in the still-freezing temperatures of early spring.

It was always a relief to reach the camp after a day's ride on the snowmobile. It felt good to reach the large prospector tent set high and dry on an ancient, traditional campsite. The warmth that radiated from the home-made stove made the inside of the canvas tent feel cozy. The spruce boughs spread on the ground inside the tent provided for a soft cushion and circulated the sweet smell of pine. After a hearty meal and a few cups of tea it was always easy to fall into sleep with the hum of familiar voices and the crackle of flames from the old tin stove.

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Drinking was cool and fun

By the time I was in my 20s, I used to think that drinking was cool and fun. I said, That looks like fun. The first time I tried it, I said I liked it. Off and on I would drink. I used to say beer was my best friend. I drank to forget my problems. I would drink to look good, but people told me I was better off not drinking. I drank when I was bored. As I got older, I was always interested in drinking. Back home I was lonely and again I turned to alcohol. Gradually things got worse. I woke up and said, "This has to stop. For God's sake, how did I start drinking again?" When I got to my 30s it got worse. I would end up in jail, hospital and the women's shelter. I don't know how many times I ended up in these places. Every time I was drunk I would call home and start giving them shit saying, "You don't care about me." I don't remember a lot of it. When I was drinking I would say I was proud I'm a drinker. I would have blackouts, a lot of blackouts. I was always bossing people around. I was mean to people I didn't even know. When I was with my boyfriend things got worse. He started beating me up and cheating on me. So we broke up. I drank to forget him.

Once an alcoholic always an alcoholic. Over a considerable period of time I got worse, never better. Most of us had been unwilling to admit we were real alcoholics. I have tried hard enough to drink like other people. So many times I want to stop but cannot. Many times the doctor asked me to stop drinking, but I never listened to him. I always felt old when I drank. My boyfriend would say I was mean when I drank. Many times he asked when I was going to stop. I would say, "When I'm ready," and yet I was still drinking. He would say, "People like you are heartbreaking." Now I know how he feels about me. He cares about me - he doesn't want me to

hurt myself or other people. Now I'm learning how many times I hurt myself.

The last time I went to the women's shelter woke me right up. That's when I said, "Enough is enough - I can't take this anymore." Since then I take it one day at a time. I'm staying only today; today is today. I'll pray for myself to stay strong and healthy and keep myself sober. To keep in touch with my sponsor and counselor. I feel much happier and healthier.

I'm concerned about abused women today because I was abused many times. Where do we go? What can we do about it? Who do we talk to about it? Who do we trust? How many times do we have to go through this? We talk about it. What can we do about it? When I was living with a guy for five years, I put up with his beating and cheating. I've been thrown around like nothing happened. Who do we talk to about it? I never talked to anybody about this.

Even back home where I'm from, many times I got raped and never talked about it. It hurts me a lot. I would be the one who ended up in the women's shelter or jail or the hospital. Yet the guy is at home drinking and laughing at me. What can we do about it? Leave him. It was very hard to let it go because I had to let go of my brother's death at the same time. It's very hard because I had to let go of two people at the same time. I'll always see the guys who abused me but never my brother. How many more times do we have to put up with this? I left the guy and now I'm single and happy but very sad I had to let go of my brother's death who I will always miss and love. I do not love a guy or men who like to abuse women. All I'm asking for is a good friend, a best friend, not an abuser.

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100-BIRTHS

Congratulations to Russell and Lorna Blackned on the birth of their new son Russ Hugo Joe Blackned. A little brother for Roslyne. Take care of your little brother. We love you both so much. Love, the Jonah girls. xoxox.

On February 2nd a little boy came into this world weighing 9 lbs, named Felix Jean Paul Peterson. Congratulations to proud parents Charlie and Ida Stephen on the birth of their baby boy. We were all very glad to hear the good news of your new son. A little brother for Chantale, Roberta, Anita, Lizzie Ann. Hey girls, one advice. Don't spoil him too much or he will turn out to be too bossy.. I know how it is to have a spoiled and bossy little brother. There are times when I want to sell my brother for fifty cents or maybe a penny. Eh just kidding. Hey Chantale, let your dad spoil him so he will be bugged by a little boss. Take good care of him and I'm sending my hugs and kisses to your son and brother. Love, Savannah all the way from Waskaganish. PS. Cant wait to come and visit again and also thank you for the lovely birthday gift.

We would like to congratulate Lorna and Russell on the birth of their baby boy Russ Hugo Joe Blackned on February 12, 2000. A little brother for Roslyne. Take care of your baby boy! From Jeanette, Roland and Tyler Blackned in Waskaganish.

101-BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish our

daughter Marissa Visitor a happy 10th. birthday on march 22/00 Love: Mom, Dad, and your little brother Aaron.

Wishing a very special and Happy Birthday to my wonderful little nephew and Godson Kyle Abel Blacksmith on April 12. Have a beautiful and wonderful day ! Your Uncle who loves you, Tom Polson
I would like to wish a happy birthday to my cuz Krista Pachano on march 22 and my aunt Lilybelle Pachano on march 26. Wishing them both many more birthdays. Love April xoxox.

On April 5th is a very special day for April Moar and the rest of the family. April, the day you were born was a very special moment for me because you came into my life with love and joy. I felt I was very lucky to have such a wonderful daughter to raise. I had no idea about raising a child by myself but you made easier by being wonderful and full of love. Your grandmother was very happy and she would have loved your little boy. She helped me how to raise you with love and respect. What I am trying to say is "I Love You" and have a wonderful birthday because you deserve it. Happy Birthday from Mom.

A big hug and a kiss to my beautiful and wonderful brother Luke Matthew Einish on his, which is on March 14, 2000. He will be turning 10 years old. I hope everything will work out well for you Between our parents. Don't worry too much. Anyways, I'll be there for you. Until you reach 18.

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Well, I guess that's it for now. Last but not least I love you brother very much. From your sister who always loves you very much. Wanda Agnes Einish -21- Lots of love, Mistissini.

Happy birthday to my best cousin Bianca Crystal Sandy on March 9, 2000. She will be turning 14 years old. I wish her a nice year that everything will be all right for her. Don't do the same things as you

did before. Be cool cuz being cool is cool. Loves you. Last but not least I'll always love Jonathan N. Anyways take care cousin "Stick together." From your cousin buddy Wanda Agnes Einish -21_ Lots of love.

On January 25, 2000 some who is special celebrated her 3rd birthday. This special little girl is Alayna Star Trapper Ottereyes.

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From the day you were born. I knew I would think of you as my little sister. maybe It's because \I don't have a little sister of my own eh? Be a good girl to your parents. You've grown into a beautiful and smart girl. Once again, happy birthday and I love you very much. With love, your cousin Queenie (mist)

Sending a birthday greeting to my friend Sasha Weistche on March 19. Happy birthday there buddy. I am so blessed to have you as my friend. You've always been there through thick and thin. Have a great day. Happy celebration. In friendship, AEH.

Happy birthday there sister, Melissa M. Etapp on March 6. Sorry I didn't send it sooner and don't think that I forgot your birthday. How could I? Sure wish I were there with you. Where all the warm weather is. Even through the distance you'll always be thought of. Again, happy birthday. Wish you the best in everything you do. Oh, I almost forgot not another year older but another year wiser. Get the message. I love you sis. With much love, AEH.

Happy birthday to our boys, William Blacksmith who turned six on Feb 3, 2000. Also to Brent Blacksmith who will be turning 8 on Feb 29. Guys, you have brought joy into our lives. You filled our home with so much fun and happiness. Happy birthday, both of you. and many more to come. Love always, from Paul and Mary.

I want to wish my daughter April

Trapper a happy 18th birthday on April 15. It seems like yesterday that the doctor placed you in my arm and said, "you HAVE A BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER." the DOCTOR WAS OH SO RIGHT, AND YOU WERE A VERY PRETTY CHILD AND TURNED INTO A BEAUTIFUL LADY. I AM SO PROUD OF YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE TIME to thank you for all the 18 years you have taught and challenged me over the years. I am forever grateful and honored to have you in my life, but the greatest honor is having you as my daughter. Happy birthday Honey and don't overdo your celebration. Love you lots, lots. With all my love Mom.

I would like to send a belated birthday wish to my friend Hannah who celebrated her 2? birthday on Feb. 1?, 2000. Happy birthday and many more to come. From your friend, Canadian Fan (Mist)

Hi and happy birthday to someone in Mistissini. He will be celebrating his 19th birthday on March 13. Have fun and don't party too much. Hope to see you soon. Miss you and take care. From someone who thinks of you. (You know who I am.)

Happy birthday to my husband Reggie Sealhunter on March 7, 2000. I love you with all my heart. Hugs and kisses. Love always, your one and only wife, Christina Sealhunter.

It's never too late to wish my friend a happy birthday on Jan. '00 in Chisasibi. Her name is Pierrette P. Coon Come. Sorry I don't remember the exact date. Happy sweet sixteen. Just kidding. I bet

you wish you were that age. I know your age. I don't want to tell the readers to know. Anyways, happy ? birthday and many more. Take care my friend. Love in friendship, Lorraine K. in Hull.

A happy belated birthday to Judy Washipabano on January 12th. We wish you all the best and happiness throughout the years to come. Love from, (mother number 1) Gloria (sister) Gloria, George and your four nieces. xxxooooxx (Chisasibi)

A happy belated birthday to Denise Perusse on January 29. We hope you had a good time on your special day. We wish you all the best and many more years to come. Love and kisses to the girls, Luna and Celeste, take good care of them in Montreal. We miss you all very much. Love from mom Gloria, sister Gloria, George and your four nieces. (Chisasibi)

Happy birthday to Martin Perusse whose birthday is on February 13 and \Gloria Sealhunter on February 19th. Happy birthday to both of you and hope you will enjoy your special day and many more years to come. Love from mom Gloria. xxxox. Chisasibi.

Happy 3rd birthday to Chantal Gull Blacksmith on February 12, 2000. Hope your day was special. As you are.. Oh, take it easy on your sisters, alright? Love, your cuzins, Serena and Selena Gull. Happy 3rd birthday Chantal! From Melanie and Sinclair.

Happy 18th birthday to a sister and a good friend of ours. Susie Priscilla Rose Rupert. Whose birthday is on February 20th,

2000. We hope you'll enjoy and have lots of fun at the social club with us. Welcome to our place of fun. take care and we love you very much. From your sister Donna R. and your cousin Jeannie M (Whapmagoostui)

Special birthday wishes to our precious little girls. On March 10 our baby Delonda will be celebrating her 5th birthday. Also on March 12 our daughter Dylanna will be celebrating her 5th birthday. Happy birthday to you both. May your day be special as you both are. dad and I will be celebrating with you both on your birthdays. Oh! and of course your big brother Dylan too. We're going to have lots of fun together (the best!) Once again, happy birthday and we love you both very much. Hugs and kisses. With love, mom and d ad (Florence and Howard) and bro Dylan.

Happy birthday to my dear grand son Tyrell Cheena Wapachee, born February 27, 1996. You are a special 1st grandson. Anjabowa! You bring so much joy in our heart. I miss being with you and having fun when grandma gets into her childlike pace. Glad to know that your mom and dad are there to keep up with your fast pace of your daily activities when |I weary out. With love, hugs and kisses from grandma Wapachee in Chisasibi.

Happy belated birthdays to Angelina Matthew, happy 9th birthday on January 10 and Francine (Babsh on January 13 Happy 6th birthday. We sure had fun on your birthday party. And to

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my sister Geraldine on the 25th. Happy birthday and many more to come. Love, Mary.

Happy belated birthday to a friend Cheryl on February 6, 2000. It sure was fun on your birthday in Wemindji and on the way home. And last but not least we also would like to wish our friend Allan a happy belated birthday on February 13, 2000. It sure was fun. From your friendly friendship friends Da ba witch its ji-doo mac Robbie A good-ah watchia Boy-boy.

Happy 17th birthday to my special friend Roxanne Pelchat (Chis) on February 7. Happy birthday. May all your wishes come true and many more years to come. Friend always, Rachel M. (Chis)

Happy ? birthday to my best friend SP in Chisasibi. Sorry I couldn't get there on your birthday! Sorry for the late late belated birthday on February 4, 00. So did you have fun on your birthday. Hope you had a blast! Did you save a piece of cake for me(Joke!) Hope to see you soon. Don't be a party animal without me. (just kidding) From your best buddy, SB in Hull.

I want to wish our daughter Tanya Blackened a happy birthday on the 25th of February (Wask). Can't help but remember when you first came into our life. We'll always cherish

the memories we memories we carried on in our hearts of each other of our5 children that we were blessed with. Always want to take this time to let you know that no words could describe the love we have for each of our grandchildren that we were also blessed with. Though we will not be there on your birthday, you'll be thought of on your special day. It's also a comfort to know that your hubby, |Barry and your children will be there for you. From mom and dad

Happy birthday to my cousin Dixon. She will be turning 11 on February 24. Hope you birthday will be a s special as you are. Once again happy birthday. Luv ya. From Joni B.

Happy birthday to Catherine Gull on January 29, 2000. Have a nice day. |From Eric Skyler and C a r o l i n e . . . xoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxo

To **Alice P. Wapachee**, NNADAP Worker, in OJ. Just to let you know you are special. You were created by God to have love, joy and peace. Continue on your healing journey. I care for you and love you. From your guardian Angel.

We would like to send birthday greetings in and the following people are: Happy 2nd birthday to Mary Sarah Blackned on March

5, Thomas B. on March 3, Angela Blackned on March 9, Tyson Blackned on March 19, Willy and Wally on March 30, Samantha Blackned on March 19, Granny Elsie Blueboy on April 1, Collin Blueboy on April 11, Arnold Blueboy on April 25 and also to Marlana Elsa Robyn Trapper on April 28. Happy birthday everybody. From Philip, Jeanette, Roland and Tyler Blackned in Waskaganish.

This goes out to my dad, Matthew. Special wishes to you on the 4th of April, enjoy your day dad! And also to my sister Laura, happy 18th birthday to you on the 18th of April, take care of yourself sis! With love from Celina...

Happy Birthday to Timmy Herodier, on March 27, from Mom, Dad, and all your brothers, have a nice day. We love you very much, and never forget that.

Happy Birthday to Timmy Herodier, on March 27 from Googoom Florrie, Wendy, and also from Googoom and Joonshoom in Chisasibi.

Happy Birthday to Wendy Mark-Stewart on March 25, from your favorite nephew Akian, and everybody at Apt. B, Shabow Meskino, stay away from the Orange liquid in the brown bottle.

Happy Birthday to Sheila Mark-Stewart, on March 25, from Sel.

Happy Birthday, better late than

never, to Edna Mark-Stewart on March 19th, from Akian, and all those residing in Apt. B Shabow Meskino.

Happy belated birthday to our gorgeous grandson Joshua Geewetin Saganash Lord who turned one year old on February 6, 2000. Hope your day was a lot of fun. We love you very much! Grandparents in Val d'Or.



Happy birthday to our funny cousin Jordan who celebrated his birthday on March 2nd. From Douglas.

We would like to wish belated birthday to our uncle Julien Blueboy on February 2nd, our grandpa David Blackned on February 8, auntie Marlene Blackned on February and also to our cousin Bobby Jr. Blackned on February 28. Happy 1st birthday baby boy. With love, Tyler Blackned (Waskaganish)

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To my daughter Shania Daphne Caroline Pompana on this special day God gave me a special gift on the day you were born. 03/03/96. I cherish every moment I spend with you. Happy 4th birthday precious one. I love you with all my heart. Your mommy Josephine Happyjack.

To my daughter Shania Pompana on this special day on March the 30th. God gave you to me as a gift and I will cherish and love. Love, your daddy Tim Pompana.

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300-PERSONALS

To the most wonderful and most amazing friend of mine, Naomi B. You have shown me how much friendship means in life and i just wanted to thank you for every advice, for every smile, for everytime you were there when i needed a friend. Take care, friend always, ndnsuperman

Are alcohol and drugs destroying your life? Do you want to help yourself? Maybe we can help. We are Alcoholics Anonymous. We meet in Mistissini on Saturday evenings, 8 p.m., in the basement of St. John's Anglican church.

Happy Valentine to our two lovable daughters Serena and Selena. You've completed our lives. We love you both so much,

there's nothing in this world that we love the most. you two made our lives happier every day. We love you with all our heart! Love always, mommy, and daddy, Melanie and Sinclair. xoxoxo1/2.

Hey Leanne. I'd like to wish you the best for this amazing number that we have reached the new millennium and I hope you enjoyed the party on New Year's Day and I wish I could spend time with you because you're the only one to me. From R.

I would like to say hi! to my friend Sonia Petawabeno(chis). I miss you where are you now!! I don't hear where you are How's your journey, I hope your doing good. Take care of yourself and god bless you! Friends Always, Rachel.M.

This goes out to my best friends in Chisasibi and I would like to say a few words to them there names are Mary, Betsy, Cheryl and Gracie. Well, I'm happy that you are my friend. I will support you in everything in life and I know you will do the same thing. Well what I say they are my best friends I ill trust them as long as I live. Remember girls that I will always be there for you no matter what. From your friend. xoxoxoxoxoxo.

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600- LOVERS, SECRET ADMIRERS

Happy belated birthday to Samy House on March 8 and many more to come. Hugs and kisses going out to you. From someone in Chisasibi (Admirer) xoxoxoxo.

I would like to take this time to say something to the one I admire. His name is Junior Bobbish. Everywhere I go and you're always there and I just want to kiss you and you're very good looking. I will always think of you when you're out of town and I will love you forever. xoxox. From your secret

admirer in Chisasibi.

Gaven, hey, how's life? Me, bad ever since I had to leave you (Sorry) I just want to tell you that I didn't mean to leave you cuz I care about you so much. I'll make it up top you in CNIT. Love, a girl from Wasw.

700-PENPALS

To all the people that enjoy receiving or sending e-mails. We are two native guys looking for e-mail penpals between the ages of 17 to 25. We promise to respond if we receive letters. Our goal is to make friends with you people who enjoy making friends through e-mails. Our e-mail addresses are Hab Boss @excitemail.com and T Bosum@excitemail.com. Hope you write to us. Later.

Hi! To the youth of Cree Nation. I am looking for some penpals at any age females or males. I'd love to have penpals and to be friends with anyone around the James Bay area. E-mail me at: friendshipcampus@Hotmail.com. I promise to reply A.S.A.P ! I enjoy meeting new people and making new friends.

It's Silly Girl here, I would like to recieve some Hot-mail from anyone and anywhere! I will be looking forward to your email so write to me, thanks! Write: Silly_angel69@hotmail.com!

Hey Cree Nation, I am 18M, seeking email pen pals, so If your the kinda gal that likes to make friends through internet, well here's a chance. My email ad is: Myers_91@excite.com. The only hint that I can give you is that I am from around Waswanipi, Ojay and Mistissini. So if anyone beetween the age of 16-19 can email me, I promise to reply as soon as I can. from.....Later

Hey, listen up people. My name is "Ninety Nine", and I need some e-mail pen pals to write to ! Age, male, or female, it doesn't matter who you are. As long as I receive a e-mail from someone ! My address is nine_teen_ninety_nine@hotmail.com . I hope that someone well write

2 mesomeday. So anyway, I should be looking forward of getting a e-mail from anyone, Bye ! Sincerely, Ninety Nine.

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Looking for email friends. Email me at maryniq@hotmail.com and I am a Cree/Inuit in Montreal. Hi Beth Sealhunter and hope you are okay. Hello! Miss Rachel KS.

SCF seeking email penpals between the ages of 17-22 of any community. I'm 18, 5'7" and I love to make new friends. Looking forward to hearing from you! Dreamwhisper_excitemail.com. I'll be waiting.

Hello ladies! M/21/single.Looking for a wife , Send pic, resume and applications to ndnsuperman_2000 @yahoo.com (just kidding) I Would love to become email friends with gals (18-25yrs) reply soon,ndnsuperman.

Seeking email pen pals. Males or females, doesn't matter. I am a female. Just write to me at my email address Guess_me55@hotmail.com. Just tell me about yourself and I'll tell you about myself when I write back. I promised to respond soon! Hope you write to me!

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